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Superstorm leaves Northeast severely wounded

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On Monday, Oct. 29, disaster struck the Northeast, in the late evening. Hurricane Sandy hit New Jersey and New York with a powerful force that wiped out most of the shorelines with excessive flooding.

For weeks, Hurricane Sandy was watched with a close eye and was tracked for a direct impact to New York City and most of the New Jersey shoreline. It was merged with a cold front that caused the storm to become more than 900 miles wide and caused snow in Kentucky and West Virginia and caused power outages down the Eastern seaboard all the way down to North Carolina.

It is now being considered one of the worst hurricanes the Northeast has ever seen due to the power of the superstorm. Residents of these states are now left wondering how to rebuild.

Hurricane Sandy wipes out New Jersey pier

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In the days leading up to the storm, residents began to prepare. Many grocery stores shelves became empty of bread and milk. Lines for gas went down many roads and houses were soon boarded up. This was the biggest hurricane to hit the tri-state area of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania since Hurricane Floyd of 1999 and as recent as Hurricane Irene in 2011.

This hurricane affected a lot more than just the Northeast. More than 12,000 flights coming in and out of the three major New York airports were cancelled. Newark Liberty International just began resuming minimal flights on Wednesday. John F. Kennedy Airport re-opened yesterday, with few flights being able to go out and LaGuardia Airport is starting to resume flights on Friday. JetBlue, one of the main LaGuardia airlines, are operating from JFK for the time being. The Amtrak train systems will not be operating for the next week or so.

The president election was also effected as Barack Obama took time off his campaign to visit the victims and surveyed the damage of the hurricane. He cancelled his visits to Virginia. Mitt Romney also cancelled his visits to Virginia and moved forward to Ohio.

Despite the damage of over $20 billion dollars and low morale, the residents of the affected states have begun the clean-ups necessary to re-open many business and the boardwalks of New Jersey.

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Students use Focus the Nation as platform for presentations

By Danielle Cortes
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On Nov. 1, the University hosted the annual Focus the Nation.

The campus became the center of attention with presentations as professors, students, staff, and even professionals from the area gathered to hear fellow peers from the Saint Leo community present on several subjects. The University set up several areas in which presentations were held and spectators were welcome to come and enjoy the beautiful campus as they listened to presentations on our economy today and its effects. There were tents set up outside with a view of Lake Jovita, while other presentations were inside Saint Leo University's hallowed halls.

Focus the Nation began as a nation-wide effort to discuss and seek solutions to global warming and climate change. Thousands of educational and religious institutions and businesses have participated. "Focus the Nation: Environment and Social Justice" has its origin in the significance of the moral and ethical dimensions of these global environmental challenges. Social justice involves the recognition of the dignity of the human person. Poverty, hate, discrimination, violence, homelessness, hunger, and war, for example, all affect the individual right to live decently. Environmental destruction as a result of climate change represents a threat to human life. In this respect, students are applying Saint Leo's core values by preparing speeches and power points to become informants of how each individual can have an impact.

There was one presentation in particular that stood out to everyone. Junior Alexandria Vincent and Nicole Capodiffero, did their presentation on their experience as students in the Semester at Sea program. These two students traveled through Latin America during their semester abroad and really learned what it was like for the children that live there. They were able to see how the economy is and how bad the poverty is there. They were able to immerse themselves in a culture they were not used to and see how completely different it was. One particular moment that was engrained in them and those listening was during their story of going into to town for lunch at a local restaurant. One of the children turned and said "I am happy." The child just felt so blessed to be in good company.

Focus the Nation has always been an event that had a lot of student involvement. Students are excited to bring awareness to issues that students may or may not be aware of. And they also especially like to explore different ways of solving the problem. This year, the presentations ranged in all subjects as the students used their presentations to bring awareness to the University.

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A Saint Leo Thanksgiving

By Marlie Gonzalez
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Halloween is over, which means the countdown for thanksgiving officially begins. There are so many things that people had to look forward to on this holiday. Family, food, cold weather, Black Friday, and the thought that it will soon be time to put up a Christmas Tree. But what about the students who stay on campus for the holiday?

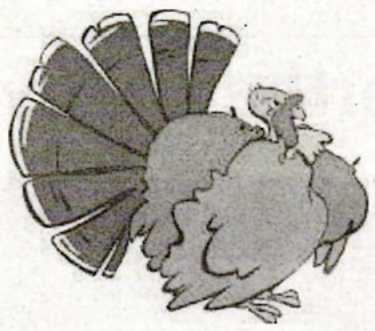
Some students stay in Saint Leo for many different reasons. Often times these students do not have relatives nearby or something comes up that makes them unable to go home. But there is no doubt that all of them want the same thing and that is to spend time with their family. Sean Vanguilder, Head of Residence Life, lives on campus with his wife and baby. They both work for the University and according to Vanguilder "the university is their home year round."

When asked about how he spent his thanksgiving holiday, he explained that it was mail routine.

"During Thanksgiving break, we are here Monday through Wednesday in the office working. Depending on the year, as we rotate between families to visit on Thanksgiving day, we will either stay here and make a day trip to be with my wife's family, or we will make an extend weekend trip to visit my parents," he said.

He also explains that there are pros and cons to spending the holiday on campus.

"There is a lot less students around to interact with. Since this is our home all year, we have grown accustomed to the change when the students are here and not here. While it is nice to have students around to talk with and do things with around campus, it is also nice for us to have students leave for a short time period so we have time to ourselves as a family. I would say it is a mix for me. Sad to see the students leave, and at the same time, it is refreshing for me and my family as we get to spend time together without interruption."



Holidays are important for a lot of people, and everyone celebrates the holidays in their own special way. Remember it does not matter how it is spent, it matters who is there. Enjoy!

Student reactions to Hurricane Sandy

"At first, I thought Sandy was just going to be a normal storm. I was shocked to find out how strong the winds were and how powerful the waves turned out to be. As a native to Long Island, I was shocked to hear what happened to Fire Island because that was like a summer get-a-way. All I could see were pictures from the news as well as Facebook. I was pretty nervous for a while when I didn't hear from my mom. The last thing that she sent me were pictures of the destruction done to my home as well as my property. The storm turned out to be so bad, that there was no electricity so there was no way I could contact my family. The destruction from this storm is irreversible. All the people of Long Island can do now is rebuild and fix what has been lost. I hope that Fire Island can be fixed and rebuilt someday."

-Peter Valcarcel, NewYork

It was surreal watching the news and seeing NJ at the eye of the storm and then seeing the aftermath of the shoreline being wiped out. Everyone's power was out and I was unable to communicate with any friends or family...finally after a few days of chaos I was able to contact loved ones and was happy to hear everyone was okay, but my heart goes out to those who were not so fortunate.

- Lyn San Giacomo, New Jersey

I can't believe that Hurricane Sandy hit our east coast so hard. I've lived in Florida my whole life and have never seen such destruction from one storm, especially not a Category 1 Hurricane. My heart and prayers go out to everyone and anyone who was affected by this tragedy.

- Andrea Lott, Florida

Survey by Tara McLoughlin

Correction!

The Lions' Pride Newspaper would like to make a correction on the article **Saint Leo grows with new acquisition.** The University purchased 29 acres from the Benedictine Sisters, not 37, as was stated in the release.

We are sorry for the miscommunication!

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Opinion

Hurricane Sandy: A link to Global Warming?

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Monday, October 29, was another visit of another monster-Hurricane Sandy. The devastative impact of this storm through the 29th and the 30th was just unspeakable. Residents along the coastal states of New Jersey, and Newark in New York, were probably, the most - hit zones of the catastrophe. Millions of people have since been displaced and already in need of emergency reliefs.

The associated floods of the storm submerged many homes and caused destruction to properties of various kinds. Fire guts in New York rendered many homes and properties ash-wrecked. It was estimated that over 6.5 million people suffered power outage because of the wrath of fire that caught electrical cables and destroyed them in the process. The death toll was estimated at 110 people with over 110 houses destroyed since Monday Oct. 29 according to sources from CNN. In Hoboken in New Jersey, thousands were trapped in water.

Aside the quick emergency response from state agencies, non-governmental organizations and philanthropist, political leaders in particular, have taken keen interest in the devastation in the face of serious political campaigning towards the roundup of the impending general elections.

President Barrack Obama, whom many described in the circumstance, as the chief emergency response officer, took the bull by the horns, by suspending his campaign trips, and visited the affected zones to express his magnanimity and sympathy for the victims.

In a related development, Republican Governor Chris Christie, a critic of the Obama – led administration was noted to have showered praises on President Obama for his prompt and humanitarian reaction to the victims of the disaster.

"I have always praised the president where praise is due and criticized him whenever he went wrong," Governor Christie said in an interview on CNN.

Among other political figures at the frontline of the scene were: Mr. Andrew Cuomo, governor of New York, Mr. Cory Booker, mayor of Newark, and Mr. Michael Bloomberg, mayor of New York. The latter, was reported to have opened additional 65 shelters across the five boroughs and made relief items including: food, water, blankets and pet food available for the evacuees.

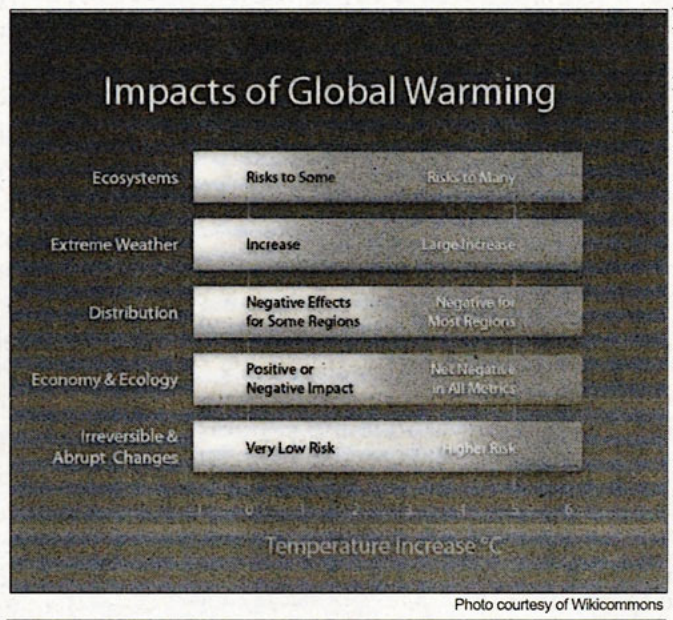
"We will get through the days ahead by doing what we always do in tough times, by standing together: shoulder to shoulder, ready to help a neighbor, comfort a stranger, and get the city we love back on its feet," Bloomberg said according to sources on foxnews.com.

The power failure in the midst of the storm coupled with breakdown of the backup generators at the New York City's Bellevue Hospital, also resulted in the nonoperation of the hospital, and patients had to be evacuated to other hospitals through the efforts of the hardworking National Guards.

The breakdown of the hospital's supplementary power plants was something that attracted much criticism from a cross section of the media and the populace, as they considered it simply unfathomable for a hospital of that standing to suffer the blunt because of inadequacies in power support.

Meanwhile, hospital authorities have explained that in spite of the fact that the generators were waterproofed in their technological buildup, water managed to enter the fuel-supply pipelines rendering the plants down.

Thousands of air fleet scheduled around the world, enroute the South Eastern ports of New York (JFK) and New Jersey (Newark) were cancelled and the ports virtually came to a standstill as a result of the storm, posing huge financial losses to the airline companies. At least 50,000 travelers between the UK and US were estimated to have been stacked up as a result of the storms, Simon Calder, travel editor of the UK's 'The Independent Newspaper, indicated in an interview on CNN. Many government departments, state institutions and financial establishments like the US Stock Market were temporarily closed, which may have economic consequences in the future.



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"Theoretically, they should have been able to work with some backup computers elsewhere. It was embarrassing, particularly because it gave their competitors around the world an upper urge and many would have lost confidence in them. To the US Stock Market as an entity, the impact would not be that worse," Professor Rick Scott, Assistant Professor of Finance at Saint Leo University said.

Experts say changes in the environment as a result of global warming are fundamentally accountable for the occurrence. It is becoming increasingly worrisome to inhabitants of the hemispheres, on the impact of devastative storms that sweep citizens and their belongings almost every now and then. It must be recalled that somewhere around March last year, Japan suffered similar fate when some citizens dwelling along the coastal city of Ishinomaki were seriously hit by a tsunami and rendered many dead and property loses.

The causative factors of climate change have become a matter of controversy, but upon consistent observations and testable theory, it has been established clearly that it is an anthropogenic phenomenon. "It is irrefutable, people deny or show apathy, but it is pretty established that this is caused by humans, and we have a role to play, if nothing is done, the consequences are huge for human existence," Dr. Christopher Miller, an Associate Professor of Biology and Environmental Science at Saint Leo University said.

Scientists say, the level of Co2 (Carbon dioxide), in the atmosphere now remains 400 parts per million (4ooppm) and this ought to be reduced considerably to about 350ppm, but the increase is rather phenomenal. As much as our over- reliant on the usage of fossil fuel pertains, the emission of Co2 and other greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere continue to pose both short term and long term negative consequences.

The way forward is to employ energy efficiency in our technological build-up in the automobile companies, industry and building construction. The automobile industries must ensure energy efficiency by increasing the mileage for fuel consumption, whereas industry efficiency standards in heating, insulating and lighting our buildings must be deployed.

Most importantly, there must be an alternative fuel usage, a shift from the fossil fuel – based like coal, oil and gas to renewable energy sources like solar, wind (geothermal) and hydro-power, which produces no carbon emission into the environment against the backdrop of the Co2 - dominated fossil energy. Nuclear sources are also recommended but not with the fear of terrorism exploitation. As much as we groan and moan of the dangers of fossil energy, they are not good sources of terrorist missiles as compared to the recommended nuclear sources, and this is another area of concern to the world in the face of terrorists' attacks.

Capitalism and its associated impact of consumerism have gradually landed the world into a complex nucleus of a negative environmental cycle where all are inescapable. "The solution to this problem must go beyond technology. A change in our mindset about how we value the natural world must take a center stage. We have come to a point, where we need that positive mentality towards environmental conservation and sustainability," Professor Miller said.

The efforts on environmental sustainability of the Millennium Development goal of the global agenda ought to be intensified by member countries and the international body – United Nations perhaps. From the treaties and conventions of the 1992 Rio de Janeiro agreements and the Copenhagen Accord, the world's commitment to making an environment safe and peaceful for its inhabitants is clearly established.

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Sports

Photo by Katie Gwinn

Women's Soccer 2012 recap

By Mike Gincel
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At the end of the 2011 season, the women's soccer team had a program-best record of 15-3-1 and 7-0-1 in the SSC. They were regular season champions for the first time and received a bid to the NCAA quarterfinals. After this season, many players and Head Coach Ged O'Connor had high hopes for the next season.

Fans were surprised at the Lions' record of 2-12-2 and 1-6-1 in the SSC. Many fans wondered, "What happened to the team that we all remembered as a winning machine? Was it because of the loss of nine starters or was it just bad luck?" The answer is that many new players were brought into leadership positions that they were not used to, and this season was a learning curve for women's soccer. O'Connor has the same goals every season for his team.

"Winning is important in terms of soccer, but it is also important to develop leaders and to have mature young women developing in the program," he said. "At the end of the season, I want to see mature young women and strong leaders."

O'Connor also recognized the faulty season that the team had.

"We didn't play well at all this season. We had several first year players in leadership positions and some followed through and others could not live up to the position."

Despite thoughts that the team suffered by losing many starters and players from the 2011 season, O'Connor does note that he always loses seniors each year and that he has to re-build.

"We did not have enough experience on our team and, coming into the season, I knew that. I lose seniors every year, so that is really not the reason why our team did poorly this year. It was leadership and it was a learning curve for many of the girls."

O'Connor also wants fans of the Lions to still support their team.

"I know that when we win a lot, a lot more fans come out. That is true in most sports. I still want fans to come out and support us because it makes a better environment and a better atmosphere out

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Baseball's Blood Bowl

By Taylor McGillis
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The 2012 Blood Bowl marked the fifth anniversary that Saint Leo University baseball team would play for blood.

The two assistant coaches, Lee Parks and Keith Strickland, drafted two separate teams from the current fall roster. The two teams then played a best-of-three game series. The losing team would be required to donate blood when the blood mobile comes to University campus on Wednesday, Nov. 28, from 2-8 p.m.

Coach Parks managed the Gold team and Coach Strickland managed the Black team, while head coach Russ McNickle acted as the commissioner for the series. The first game began on Halloween at 5 p.m. and was open to the public.

The Black team was the first to strike during the first game via a sacrifice fly by Michael Revell. The Gold team quickly responded with an infield single from Junior Michael Callahan in the top of the second. The game remained tied until the top of the ninth inning in a game that was only scheduled to go seven innings, when redshirt Sophomore Bobby Twitty hit a single down the right field line to score the go-ahead run. The win was earned by Senior Matt Hewitt by pitching 2 1/3 innings of relief, and redshirt Sophomore Stephen Grove closed the game with a save.

Game two was slightly less thrilling. The Gold team beat the Black team by a score of 4-0, clinching the 2012 Blood Bowl. The scoring was highlighted by pitcher Sophomore Brandon Mumaw's R.B.I. single that plated the fourth run of the contest. He ended up going 3-4 during the series and reaching base 4 times; he was eventually named series M.V.P. The pitching was the dominant force in game two for the Gold team as Senior Charles Neely got the win by pitching three hitless innings, followed by redshirt Junior Brandon Terry going three innings and surrendering the lone hit to the Black team. The game was finished by one perfect inning by Hewitt.

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Lions blow away Hurricanes on Friday

By Taylor McGillis
Online Editor

The Saint Leo University men's basketball team stunned the University of Miami on Friday, Nov. 2, beating the Hurricanes by a score of 69-67 in an exhibition game held on the campus in Coral Gables.

The win against Miami marks the first win in program history over a Division I opponent. Miami was picked to finish fourth in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The team, who returns their entire starting five from their 2011-12 campaign, got out to a hot start against Miami as they jumped to a 13-3 lead behind transfer Chim Kadima, who scored the first seven points for the Lions. Miami rallied back mid-way through the first half and cut the Lions' lead to 13-12 with 12 minutes remaining in the half.

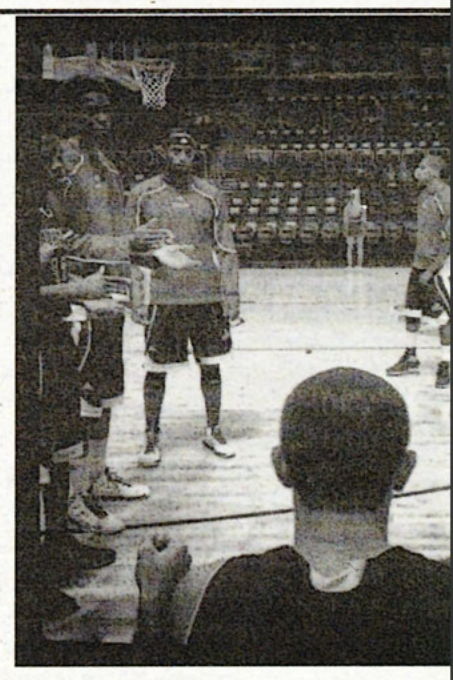
The Lions proceeded to make another run that kept the Hurricanes an arm's length away, this time led by Trent Thomas and Tom Neary. Saint Leo led by 10 points until Miami's Shane Larkin dropped one in from three-point range as time expired in the first half, cutting the Lions' halftime lead to seven.

Coming out of the intermission, the Lions kept Miami out of striking distance as they stretched their lead to 13 at 52-39 after a Thomas three-point basket, their largest lead of the game.

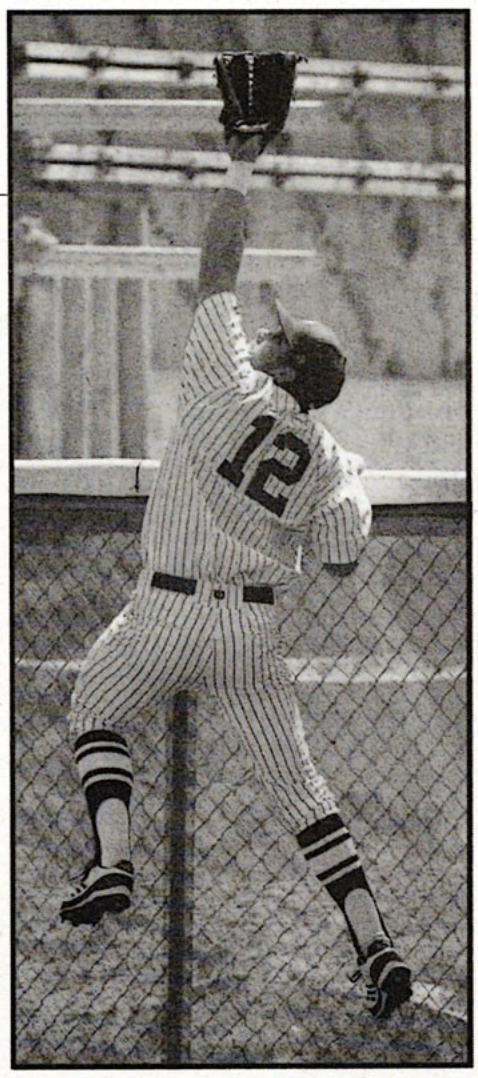
At the 10:07 mark, Miami's Rion Brown nailed a long-range shot that cut the Lions' lead to eight and sparked a run for the Hurricanes. After two more three-pointers from Miami and another basket from the Lions, the lead was then down to four.

With just over seven minutes remaining in the contest, Miami's Trey McKinney-Jones tied the game at 56. After a few traded baskets, a pair of Erik Swoope free-throws gave Miami a 60-58 lead, their first lead since leading 3-2 in the opening minute of the game.

Within 30 seconds of each other, Thomas dropped in two three-pointers to give Saint Leo a 69-64 lead, the second being the eventual game-winner. Miami cut the lead to 69-67 with 1:47 remaining and found themselves with the ball with just 36 seconds on the clock. After two missed shots by the Hurricanes, there were two seconds remaining in regulation and one final chance for Miami to tie or take the lead. A timeout called by Head Coach Lance Randall left Miami with one final play, a three-point shot by Kenny Kadji that rimmed out and gave the Lions the most monumental win in program history.



Thomas led all scorers with 23 points despite playing just 28 minutes. McKinney-Jones led Miami in scoring with 19. Saint Leo and Miami nearly mirrored each other in almost every statistical category; both squads made ni baskets, slightly Hurrican compare percent.



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they surrendered one run in the first inning of game one, but followed that up with 22 scoreless innings to complete the three game sweep. The Black team's staff pitched effectively as well, but the Gold team's timely hitting would be enough to get the wins.

A lot of college baseball programs like to finish their fall season with a

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Volleyball falls to SSC rivals

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Photo by Katie Gwinn

The Lions lost both games they played last weekend, falling to the University of Tampa Spartans on Friday, Nov. 2, and to the Eckerd College Tritons the next night, Saturday, Nov. 4.

The Spartans came into the match on Friday ranked number seven in the nation and showed why they deserved that ranking, sweeping the Lions in three straight sets (25-20, 25-16, 25-12).

During the first set, the Lions battled with the Spartans but eventually fell short, losing by five points. In the second set, the Lions struggled to string points together, never scoring more than two in a row. Tampa was able to go on several scoring runs and put the Lions away, winning the set by nine points. The third set saw an even less inspired performance with the Lions scoring several of their points via unforced errors from the Spartans. Tampa would overcome those errors and quickly put away Saint Leo by more than doubling their scoring output, winning by a score of 25-12.

Senior Sami Vierk led the Lions with 11 kills and Junior Molly Alexander led with 10 digs. Danielle Selkridge dominated for Tampa and notched 15 kills in the winning effort. As a team, Tampa collected 37 digs, 46 kills, and a hitting percentage of .407. Meanwhile, the Lions had 31 digs and 29 kills, with a hitting percentage of only .087.

The win improved Tampa's record to 22-3 and 11-0 in Sunshine State Conference play, while Saint Leo falls to 10-13 overall and 2-9 in conference.

The following night, Eckerd College Tritons visited the Marion Bowman Center riding a seven game winning streak and left with a four-set victory (26-24, 25-16, 23-25, 25-21).

The first set was a back-and-forth battle between the two teams, and the Lions had a few chances to put the Tritons away, but eventually lost by a score of 26-24. The second set was quick as the Tritons notched 16 kills on their way to a 25-16 victory. The Lions would refuse to lie down and accept the sweep, and battled their way to a 23-25 win which was ended by a kill from redshirt Junior Meghan Donovan. Unfortunately, Eckerd would go on to win the closely-contested fourth set by a score of 25-21.

Statistically, Saint Leo was led in kills by Junior Jordan Sisson with 10, in blocks by Donovan with 8, and Sophomore Tawni Warren led with 15 digs. On the other side of the net, Olivia Fraser led the Tritons in kills and blocks, with 15 and 4, respectively.

The win was Eckerd's eighth consecutive and improved their record to 19-7 overall and 10-2 in SSC play. The Lions fell to 10-14 overall and 2-10 in conference.

The Lions will play two more home games this weekend as they will face-off against the Rollins College Tars on Friday, Nov. 9, and the Florida Tech Panthers for their last home game of the season on Saturday, Nov. 10.

N.F.L. Week 10 predictions by Hewy

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- *Broncos by 10*
New York Giants at Cincinnati Bengals
- *Giants by 6*
Tennessee Titans at Miami Dolphins
- *Dolphins by 7*
Detroit Lions at Minnesota Vikings
- *Lions by 14*
Buffalo Bills at New England Patriots
- *Patriots by 17*
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- *Buccaneers by 10*
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- *Raiders by 3*
New York Jets at Seattle Seahawks
- *Seahawks by 7*
Dallas Cowboys at Philadelphia Eagles
- *Cowboys by 4*
St. Louis Rams at San Francisco 49ers
- *49ers by 20*
Houston Texans at Chicago Bears
- *Bears by 4*
Kansas City Chiefs at Pittsburgh Steelers
- *Steelers by 13*

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Saint Leo falls to FSU Seminoles on Monday

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Photo courtesy of Mike Carlson

By Nicole Rothchild
Contributing Writer

Just two days after beating their first Division I opponent at the University of Miami, the men's basketball team took that momentum up to Tallahassee. It took a great deal of effort, but Saint Leo failed to upset the Florida State University Seminoles. The Lions fell with a final score of 65-56, never trailing by more than 15 points at any time during the game. Seniors Trent Thomas and Shaun Adams both performed well, leading the Lions with 13 points each. Tom Neary led in rebounds for the Lions with a total of eight.

As the former ACC champions and current holders of the number 24 spot in the D-I rankings, the Seminoles stood strong in the first half with the Lions trailing 28 to 35. Within the first few plays of the game the Lions were at a five point advantage over the Seminoles, but then quickly fell to the FSU offense that caused them to trail for the rest of the game.

The Lions will open the regular season at home on Friday at 7:30 p.m. against Shorter University.

Campus News

Sport Marketing Association at Saint Leo, 2012

By Cheyenne Johnson
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This year the Sport Marketing Association featured a 10-year anniversary conference.

The Sport Marketing Association is a form of marketing in which brands use mainstream or alternative sports to connect with both a broad and/or a targeted group of consumers. This is a worldwide organization that schools from all over travel to attend annually.

Several sport business majors travelled to Orlando last month to attend the conference. The students were provided with free transportation and accommodations such as food and hotel stay provided from Saint Leo's Sport Business Association.

The conference was co-hosted by Dr. Eric Schwarz from Saint Leo and Bill Sutton from the University of Central Florida.

"The importance of attending this conference is to expand professional networks," said Dr. Schwarz. "Also to learn about the latest theory and practice in sport marketing, and to represent Saint Leo University in the case study competition."

The opening night speaker was Greg Downey, who currently oversees Brand and Consumer Marketing for NASCAR.

When asked how many students attend the conference each year, Schwarz said, "Each year it depends on budget, location, number of qualified students that apply to compete, and those that pass the interview process ahead of time."

"Most years it is between four and eight students, and we have one to two teams compete. Sometimes we will just have one team compete, and the remaining people act as researchers. It really all depends on the year and the students," said Schwarz.

In 2008 and 2010, Saint Leo placed first in the case study competition. In 2009, two teams competed and received second and third place. This year, two teams competed and finished in the top five. Final results will not be available for 10 days until the follow up evaluation is completed.

"Students receive the case study on Oct. 1," said Schwarz. "They have two weeks to create a 1000-word position paper, and then have another 10 days to prepare their 15 minute oral presentation with power point support."

"The conference was a blast," said sophomore Cody Mauch. "It was a really good experience. We were able to learn about event management as well as marketing, and we also were able to network with professors at other universities and professionals in the industry."

"Greg Downey, the senior director of brand and marketing for NASCAR, and Pat Williams, senior vice president of the Orlando Magic, were two of the speakers that we had the opportunity to listen to. It was a lot of work and a few long days, but it was a great experience and I definitely would do it again in a heartbeat," said Mauch.

Next year this conference will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from Oct. 22-26. Sports business majors who are interested should look into this ahead of time because it could be a great opportunity to represent the University and be a part of something important. It could be an opportunity to network, to talk to professionals in the industry, to get advice and to possibly hand out and receive business cards.

Networking is a big part of the professional field, so getting advice from individuals that have worked their way up could be a worthwhile opportunity.

Undeclared Fair has major impact

By Danielle Cortes
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Oct. 30, Saint Leo held an Undeclared Fair for students to get a better perspective on majors and minors that they might want to pursue. For some students, this was their first time interacting with professors from the different departments.

Many incoming students come in with either an undeclared major or find that the major that they previously selected is no longer an interest for them. The undeclared fair is a good opportunity for students to see some options that will stimulate their drive to graduate with a degree in an area that captures their attention.

The fair had a well-rounded representation of the departments at the fair. The departments represented were Philosophy and Theology, History, Political science, Honors, Fine arts, Sociology, English, Global studies, Psychology, Mathematics and science. The departments used Halloween holiday to their advantage and set up a fun way to introduce each subject and get the students involved in learning about different departments.

As the students approached each table they received goodie bags of treats from the professors, and/or students helping to represent each individual department. The students would also be educated on what the minors or majors entailed and different classes that students could take.

One favorite activity, or rather treat, used at the fair were the English departments "Smart Dum-Dums." Not only could you learn what an oxymoron was, but each treat had a unique message attached; a seasonal take on the fortune cookie. There were also many upper level students who were there to find out more about different classes that could be taken as electives.

"I'm graduating soon but the fair was inviting enough for me to come in and meet professors from different departments and I even got ideas for elective classes in the spring," said senior Ashley Jean Baptiste

Many of the freshman that passed through also made comments about how although it seemed "different" at first, the fact that the professors were willing to interact with the students in such a manor made them feel more comfortable about asking questions.

Now that class registration is open, students should embrace the possibilities available to them. And when switching to other majors it is important to speak to an academic advisor. Act fast; classes are already filling up!

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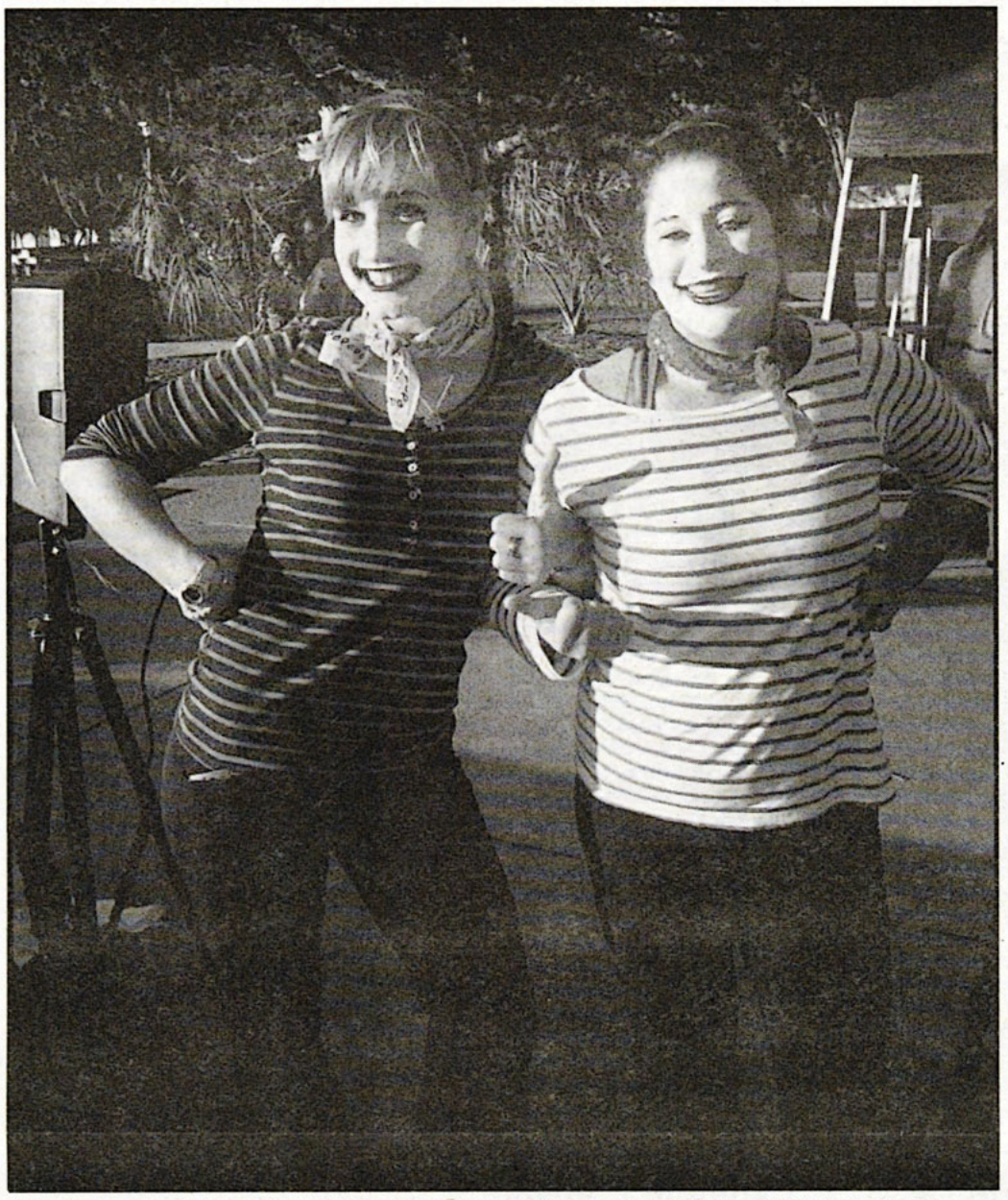
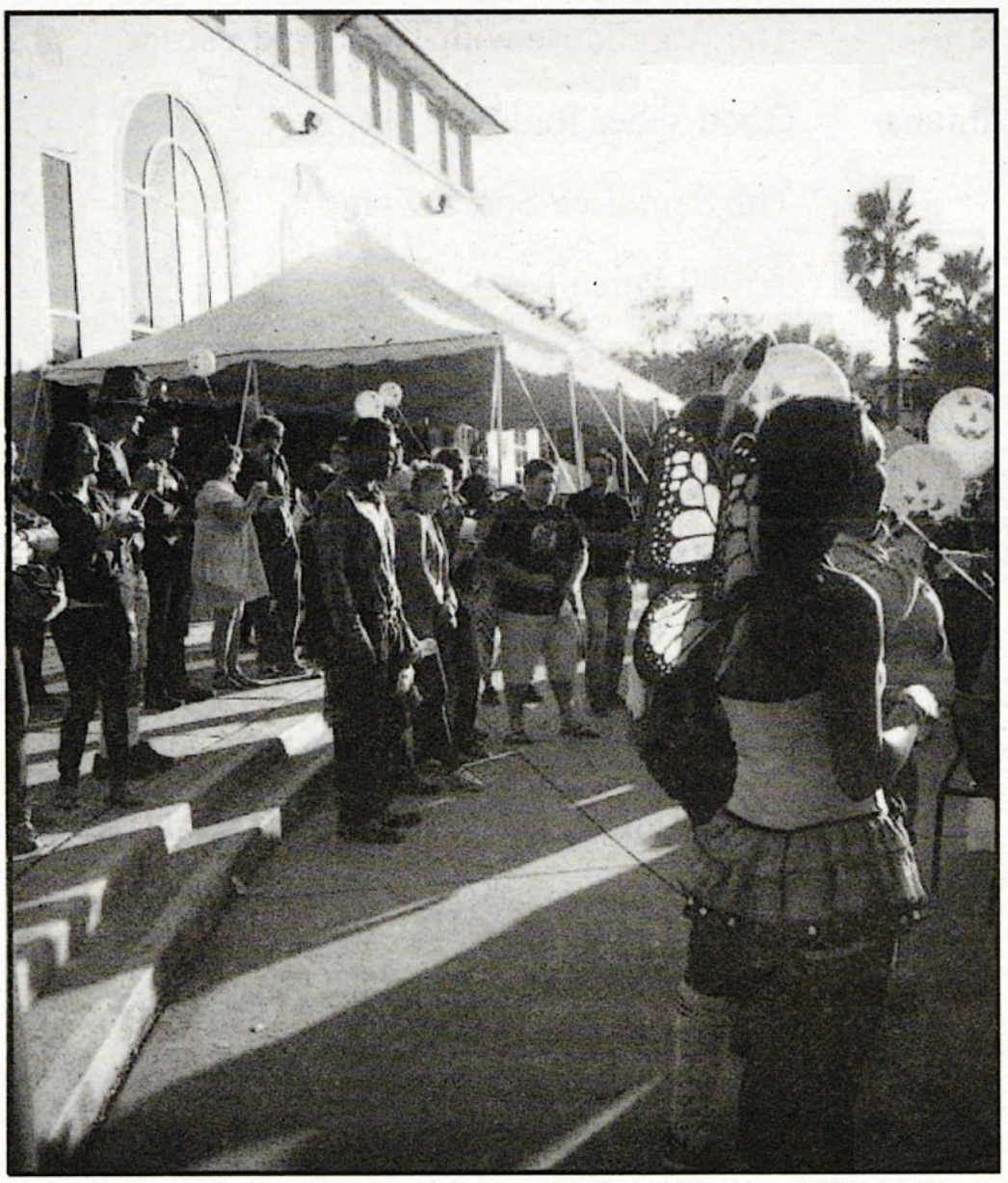
Monster Bash draws crowd



Carrie Voor and Alexandra Lavalle, pose for a picture in their first place Mime costumes.



Students and staff alike gathered around the stage for the results of the Costume contest.

Photo Essay by Genny Feiler

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Some of the heavy damage fell onto the New Jersey boardwalks and ocean-fronts. Seaside Heights, Point Pleasant, Wildwood, Atlantic City and Cape May all suffered catastrophic damage to the boardwalks.

Chris Christie, governor of New Jersey, has made a huge effort to do whatever it takes to get New Jersey back on their feet. He stated in his press conference on Tuesday evening that he will ensure that the boardwalks will be rebuilt and that New Jersey will make it out of this as a stronger and better state.

Hurricane Sandy also affected a lot of students at Saint Leo University. A lot of students come to this school from the northeast and were worried regarding the massive storm and how it may affect their lives up north as well as lives of their loved ones.

"Massachusetts didn't get hit as hard as we thought it was going to, thank God," said Delia Mulvihill, a senior from Massachusetts.

Meghan Donovan, another Massachusetts resident, stated that her family has had no power over the past few days. The two most impacted states, New Jersey and New York, had several students scrambling to get in contact with their loved ones. Some students went without contact with their families for up to four days prior to hearing from their families and some still are waiting.

Most students from the south have felt the pain of hurricanes before and many are sympathetic to their northeastern friends. "It may seem really bad now but it will get better. New Jersey couldn't have prepared for this just like Florida would panic if we got 5 feet of snow. It's just heartbreaking seeing people lose their homes," said Junior Analisa Bosco.

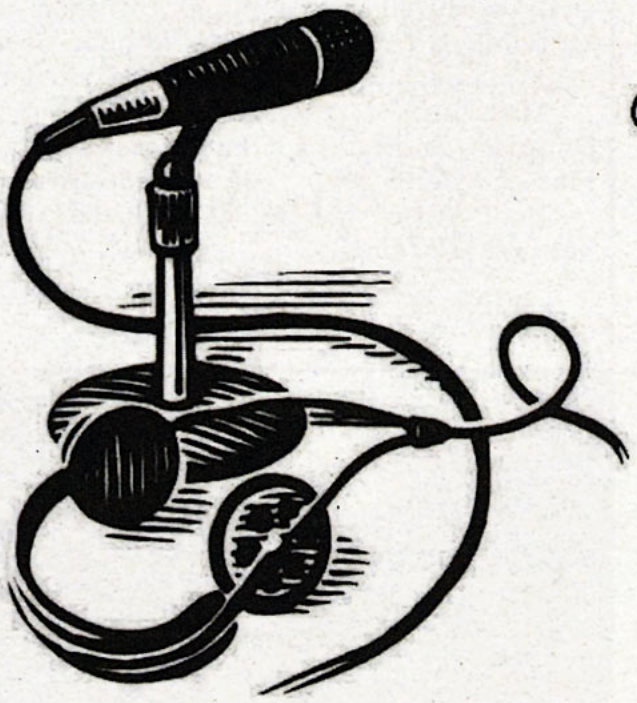
Hurricane Sandy may have destroyed homes, beaches, parks and cities of the Northeast, but it did not destroy the spirit of human beings. This storm has brought community to these cities and neighbors begin helping one another clean up and resume lives as normal. The cleanup process will be long and many things will soon begin to open once more as they begin to recover from one of the biggest natural disasters in the history of the Northeast.

Photo Courtesy of Pete Valcarcel

Congratulations winners!

WSLU had a great response to the first, "Host Your Own Radio Show Contest."

Eric Dirth and Leah Hollingsworth	Lately in Leoland
Jarrod Gasper and Patrick Puzzo	The Warehouse with J-Rod and Patrice
Donavan Astwood and Lee Ann Antuna	Good Vibes Radio
Corey Saccone and Pat Puzzo	The Saint Leo Sports Zone
Danielle Carver	Trivial Pursuit
Marilyn Guy and Ariel Guy	God's out of the Box Radio Show



Congratulations to all our new hosts!

Stay tuned for programming information and schedule!